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Friendly Fire

Some time ago the guest minister at our church, Dr. James Carter, Director - Division of Church Minister Relations, Louisiana Baptist Convention, chose as his topic, "Surviving Friendly Fire." As his sermon unfolded, the more intently I listened because, whereas, Dr. Carter tuned his words toward the church and its members, his subject matter could be easily revised to fit the Masonic Fraternity. To avoid any suspicion of plagiarism, I called Dr. Carter and received permission to use some of his ideas and research material.

"Friendly fire" is when those on your side are the ones who are shooting at you. Often times people are wounded and killed by "friendly fire." In the Civil War during the Battle of Chancellorsville, General "Stonewall" Jackson was wounded and subsequently

died, when fired upon by a North Carolina regiment, a unit of Confederate skirmishers serving as outguards. In this case "friendly fire" cost the life of a famous general and could have affected the outcome of the battle. Throughout the Civil War, there are many other instances of mistaken identity, whereby "friendly fire" caused casualties among one's own forces.

Following the euphoria of Desert Storm, the American public was shocked to learn how many casualties sustained by the American army, were the result of "friendly fire." Thirty-five of the 145 killed and 72 of those wounded were the result of "friendly fire." Seven MIAI tanks and 20 Bradley fighting vehicles were lost to "friendly fire."

As I pondered these tragic losses, it occurred to me that most

of the casualties we suffer, most of the wounds we sustain, most of the hurt we feel, as individuals and as Masons, comes from "friendly fire." Those people who you think are on your side, by supporting you, strengthening you, helping you, are often the ones who hurt you the most. It pains me when I hear a brother Mason speak in derogatory terms about another.

The relationship between the Grand Lodge and our constituent lodges has been strained because many of our brethren have used the Grand Lodge as the scape goat for all their troubles. They do not accept that the Grand Lodge is the organization which guarantees the regularity of the lodges under its control. Without the Grand Lodge, no lodge could function as a member of that great body of Masons through-

Programs & Announcements



We are busy this month!

September 9, 2015 is our stated meeting night and there will be much going on. For the program for the night we will be receiving our DDGM Charles

Mire who will deliver the second message from our Grand Master, Wendell Miller. You don't want to miss this stated meeting.

Reminder— Saturday, September 24 Briscoe Workshop at Yellowhouse Lodge. Coffee & Donuts 9:00 a.m. and the program begins at 10. All lodge members and

especially officers are strongly encouraged to attend.

We have had some very productive floor practices



And God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. Genesis 1:3



A Message From the East — Worshipful Master John Rosser

This is a reprint from our Past Master, Coke Etgen, February 1, 2013

The Masonic Experience: The Search, The Journey, The Esprit de Corps

Participation in the dramatic presentation of moral lessons and in the working of a lodge provides a member with a unique opportunity to learn more about himself and encourages him to live in such a way that he will always be in search of becoming a better man, not better than someone

else but better than he himself would otherwise be and therefore an exemplary member of society.

Each Freemason is required to learn and show humility through initiation. Then, by progression through a series of degrees he gains insight into increasingly complex moral and philosophical concepts, and accepts a variety of challenges and responsibilities which are both stimulating and rewarding. The structure and working of

the Lodge and the sequence of ceremonial events, which are usually followed by social gatherings, offer members a framework for companionship, teamwork, character development and enjoyment of shared experiences.



"The grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race"

Washington

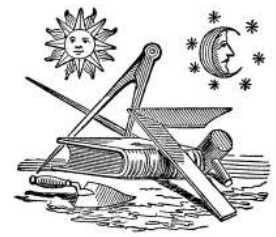


From the West — Senior Warden Jerry Hendrick

There should no past faster than an old Past Master

After his term of office "in the east," the Worshipful Master is put out to pasture. He goes from having all the power in the lodge, to having precisely none. This is similar to when the President of the United States leaves office, he becomes just another common citizen again. He may make

species all over the country, write books, appear on the news more often than when was running the country, and otherwise bore everyone to distraction. But he has no power, and no one has time to listen to him. This is the fate of the Past Master. Nevertheless a Past Master is looked upon with great respect by his fellow Freemasons.



From the South — Junior Warden Coke Etgen

BROTHERLY LOVE

What then is Brotherly Love? Manifestly, it means that we place on another man the highest possible valuation as a friend, a companion, an associate, a neighbor, a fellow. Merely to be with him, merely to spend hours in his company, to have the privilege of working at his side, is all we ask. We do not ask that from our relationship we shall make money, or further our business interests, or achieve

some other form of selfish gain. Our relationship with such a one is its own excuse for being, its own justification, its own reward. All of us know that this Brotherly Love is one of the supreme goods without which life is a lonely, unhappy, ugly kind of thing. This is not a hope or a dream, but a fact— as real as day and night, or as the law of gravity. Freemasonry builds on that fact, takes it for granted, provides opportunities for us to have such fellowship, encourages us to un-

derstand and to practice it, and to make it one of the laws of our existence; it is, in short, and in literal truth, one of its Principal Tenets.



"Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment."

Benjamin Franklin



From the Secretary Harrold Loveless
Taking Care of Business

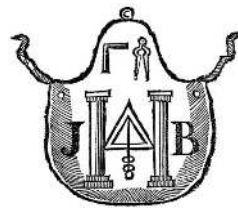
Greetings brothers,

Two reminders for upcoming events: first, dues are just around the corner and will be \$75 for the 2017 year; secondly, the proclamation from the Grand Master to hold an open house October 23 from 2 to 4 PM.

A proclamation is a document published to the inhabitants of an area that sets forth the basis of authority and scope of activities from a command-

er, governor, or king defining the obligations and duties of the populace affected. Proclamations have been around since people banded together under a ruler or king. Since only the clergy and nobility had access to education and could read or write, proclamations were read four times daily for a minimum of four days to the commoners this custom continues today and proclamations are read aloud to an audience but the number of readings is set by the

individual making the proclamation. So this is why the secretary continues to read the proclamation from the grand master at every stated meeting and will do so until October's stated meeting.



From the Senior Deacon Justin Robbins
Visiting Brothers & Prospects

Brethren,

We would like to thank the brothers and visitors that attended this month's stated meeting and support Lubbock Lodge. At our stated meeting we had the following visitors: Bob Chesser, PM of South Plains Daylight Lodge #1443; Bob Clemmons, 33°, PM; and Rolan Pirtle,

both from Yellowhouse Lodge #841; Rod Armstrong PM; and Gary Armstrong PM of Mackenzie Lodge #1327.

We hope to see you at our next stated meeting on Friday, September 9th at 7:30 pm (dinner at 6:30 pm) when we welcome our DDGM for his second visit and message from the

Grand Master, and encourage anyone interested in getting involved with the degree team to attend floor practice every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.



Let us endeavor so to live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry.

Mark Twain



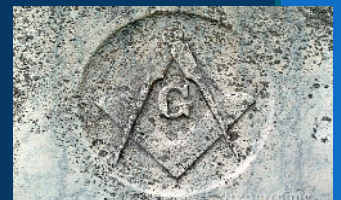
From the Senior Steward Luis Ramos
Food, Flowers & Frolic

Guide us, Great God, in learning to truly live lives of purification, illumination, and unification. Show us from Masonry's degrees, its "stages of initiation," the importance of developing conscience, mind, and soul.

Make us aware of our nature as moral beings. Help

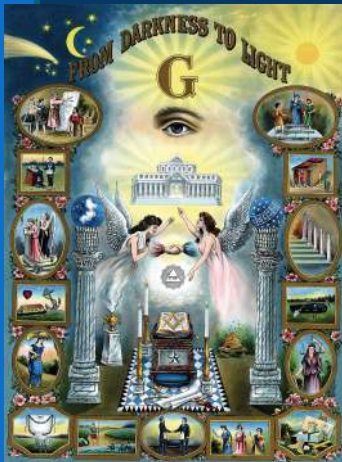
us see the benefits of education and knowledge. Remind us of our interdependence upon each other, and upon You, O God.

Grant us the perseverance to really be good Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, and Master Masons. Amen.



Upcoming Menu for September

Burgers
with all the sides
Potato chips
Fresh fruit
Asst beverages



Friendly Fire Your Behavior

out the world. We owe the Grand Lodge our support and our loyalty. Remember that the largest number of members of the Grand Lodge is made up of the officers of our individual lodges. Let not your "friendly fire" weaken our Grand Lodge.

Recently there was a story in the newspaper that the Pentagon had developed so-called anti-fratricidal devices. "Friendly fire" is really a form of fratricidal fire: brother against brother. These devices are designed to keep one's own troops from firing on each other. They are electronic beacons which blink out pulses of near infrared light which can be seen at great distances, thus warning those on the same side not to fire. Is it necessary for Masons to wear an anti-fratricidal device to keep Masons from firing at each other? I think not.

I believe if we resort to that principle which made us great: to live a service oriented life, we can survive "friendly fire." It is a life that is accountable for what we say and what we do. You are accountable to yourself, to other people, but especially to God. In spite of the attacks from without, I believe we are our own worst enemies. If we keep biting and devouring each other, we will destroy each other and our great fraternity.

Instead, let our light so shine that all people will know that we believe in the brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God. So mote it be.

Source: Bro. Ray W. Burgess, PGM of Louisiana with permission through My Freemasonry.net

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YOUR BEHAVIOR

Masonic behavior is a subject, if taken into the Lodge for debate, could take up a lot of time. Behavior changes with attitude and the ever shifting social structure.

In the old charges behavior was divided into six sections:

1. Behavior in Lodge.
2. Behavior after Lodge with members who did not attend.
3. Behavior when brethren meet outside the Lodge.
4. Behavior in the presence of non-members.
5. Behavior at home and in your neighborhood.
6. Behavior toward a strange brother.

Behavior is generally affected by two means:

1. By those around you.
2. By age.

Normally, we are respectful of the people around us, more now than when we were younger. We also have much more tolerance, mainly because of those who tolerated and respected us.

Our behavior is a reflection of who we are and as a Mason this image either improves or taints our institution. To be a considerate member of the Lodge and to our brethren is easy. To be a person of integrity to strange brothers, non-members, and even those who would seek to discredit the fraternity, is the most important act of brotherly love one could do for his Lodge and its members.

A Lodge is only as good as its worse member, therefore strive to be a better person.

ANCIENT MASONS

"Ancient Masons," was the

name assumed by a body of Masons who, in 1738 seceded from the regular or legal Grand Lodge of England. They did this because of changes the Institution made on the ritual work.

The Ancients called themselves "Ancient Free and Accepted Masons" and were the new Lodges. They practiced the old ritual work and condemned the Moderns, as they called them, for changes made in that work. The Moderns, were called "Free and accepted Masons" and were the old Lodges of England. They adopted the new style of ritual work formed by Anderson, Preston, and others.

These differences kept the two bodies apart to the extreme, that there would be both in the same community and sometimes, side by side. They would clam the same jurisdiction and argue over who was right and who was clandestine.

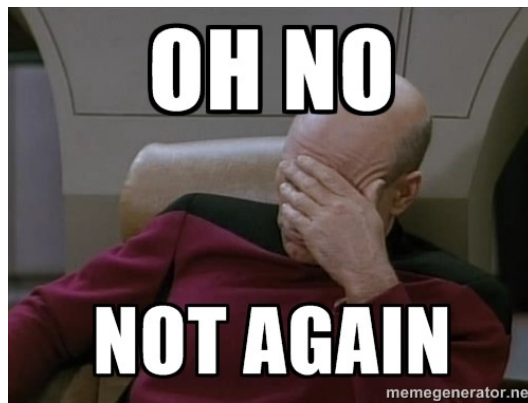
In 1813 the two bodies resolved their differences and joined hands, but the Lodges were spread through out the world, and particularly in America. They turned out to be impossible to align. Both are recognized by the Grand Lodge of England and both have the same rights and benefits which are accorded a legal Lodge of Master Masons. Although you will find the different Lodges in United States their jurisdictions are limited to each state. This is why we have:

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and on and on.

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Lubbock 1392 in Action

It's our newsletter's
FOURTH BIRTHDAY!



September 2016 Calendar

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"If you have knowledge, let others light their candles with it." *Winston Churchill*

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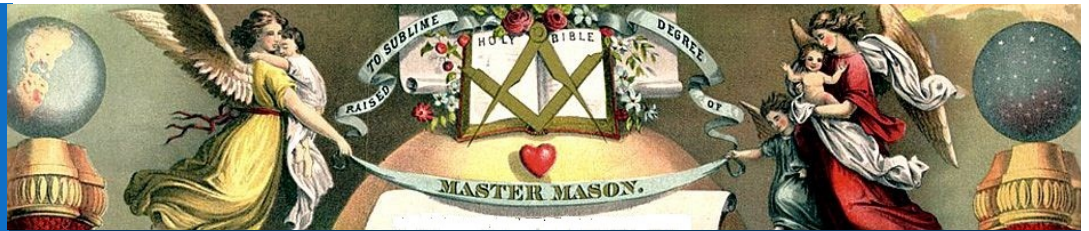
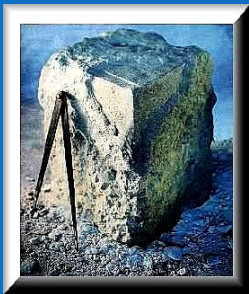
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Meetings:
Second Friday of each
month, 7:30 p.m.
Meal: 6:30pm

Floor School:
Every Tuesday @ 7p.m.

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Brotherly Love, Relief & Truth

This Month's Sickness & Distress

Roland "Mutt" Martin



Please take the time to visit our sick and distressed; send them cards or call them on the phone, and be sure to keep them in your prayers. If you know of sickness or distress with a brother or his family, please let us know.

This Month's Brothers & Birthdays

Bobby Day - 9/5
Elmer "Coke" Etgen - 9/7
Henry Housour - 9/10
Bobby Cook - 9/11
Coy Cooper - 9/17

Joe Sanders - 9/17
Ata Sagnak - 9/25
Richard Bruns - 9/25
Dewain Collins - 9/30

The Quarry: Our Esoteric Work By Bro. Coke Etgen

THE TENETS

(Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth)

The principal, or chief, tenets of Freemasonry are, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. It is necessary not to overlook the word "principal," for it signifies that, while it is on these three teachings that our Fraternity lays the greatest emphasis, yet there are other teachings of almost equal importance, and in any discussion of our subject those others must not be lost sight of.



The things a man has to have are hope and confidence in himself against odds, and sometimes he needs somebody, his pal or his mother or his wife or God, to give him that confidence. He's got to have some inner standards worth fighting for or there won't be any way to bring him into conflict. And he must be ready to choose death before dishon- or without making too much song and dance about it. That's all there is to it."

Blaise Pascal

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